

St. Johnsbury Town Energy Committee
December 2, 2024

Members Present: Steve Isham, Donley Johnson, Pam Parker (Chair), Susan Parker, Ben Deede, Jason Kaiser, Robert Michael

1. Review November minutes

Minutes passed.

2. Energy chapter for updated town plan

Ben is working with the data to note changes between the last plan and this one. Ben asked to have a meeting with a NVDA representative to understand what they are trying to show with the data, if we are representing it accurately, if it is all the data or there is other data that we should be looking at or if this is sufficient for the energy requirements for St. Johnsbury. Donley added text about challenges in St. Johnsbury. Pam said it was a great introduction and addresses Act 174 requirements. Jason offered to write about opportunities to address energy burdens. Steve said that the town's investment in middle income housing projects can help address the goal of encouraging more densely populated areas and lowering the carbon footprint, because people can walk or bicycle and the new housing will be energy efficient. The committee reviewed other parts of the energy plan to flesh out parts of it such as the siting section. Ben has forwarded the draft to the planning commission for feedback.

The next meeting is Jan. 6 from 5:30pm to 7pm at via Zoom